

ABSTRACT

The invention describes a system and method whereby a traveler connected to the Internet can create a trip journal with a series of user-created points on a raster based map and a time-stamped annotation associated with each point. The individual user-created points and their associated annotations are linked based on their temporal attributes to show time-based progression from location to location. The relative location of the points along the route is displayed consistently, regardless of the scale or view of the map where the data is displayed. The system includes a database of maps and a user interface that allows travelers to select and customize maps; create and annotate entries with pictorial and textual information; assign a temporal attribute to an entry; associate an entry with a point on a chosen map; and display the resultant information to others. In addition, the traveler can update their entries at any time with the resultant changes displayed in real time.